



Market Access

A complete range of transportation services is available in Cape Girardeau. The Interstate 55 highway system, Mississippi River, Southeast Missouri Regional Port Authority, Cape Girardeau Regional Airport, and daily service rail terminals all combine to provide a complete intermodal transportation network. This competitive network, coupled with the area's central location in the U.S., make this region one of the nation's most cost-effective places for sending and receiving goods.

Location

- Central U.S. location
- Near the geographic and population centers of the U.S.
- 2 hours south of St Louis, Missouri, via Interstate 55
- 3 hours north of Memphis, Tennessee, via Interstate 55
- Mile 48 of the upper Mississippi River
- 45% of the U.S. population is within a 500-mile radius

Highway System

- Major markets are easily accessed by a strong regional transportation system and an outstanding interstate and regional highway network

Major Highways Serving Area

- Interstate 55
- Close proximity to Interstates 24 and 57
- U.S. Highway 61
- Close Proximity to U.S. Highway 60

- Missouri Highways 74, 72, 25, 34 and 177
- Illinois Highways 3 and 146

Major Motor Freight Carriers Serving Area

- More than 17 motor freight carriers are authorized to serve the Cape Girardeau area. There are 15 trucking terminals located in the Cape area. Major carriers serving the region include:
- ABF Freight System, Inc.
- American Freightways, Inc.
- Beaufort Transfer Co.
- C & M Division of Lanter Co.
- ERS Transportation
- Genesis Transportation Co, Inc.
- JB Hunt
- Jerry Lipps Truck Service
- K-Way Express
- Landstar Inway
- M & S Trucking
- Ohio Pacific Express
- Roadway Express
- Truck Transport
- USF Dugan
- WSKT
- Yellow Transportation

Airport & Air Transportation Services

- The [Cape Girardeau Regional Airport](#) offers a full range of services.
- Cape Girardeau Regional Airport (CGI) is owned by the City of Cape Girardeau.
- Located approximately five miles from downtown Cape Girardeau, the airport is easily accessible from Interstate 55.
- Situated on 557 acres, the airport has two runways, one terminal, an FBO (Cape Aviation), an avionics shop, a pilots club, and a growing industrial park.
- CGI is served by Cape Air with daily flights to and from St. Louis.
- The City of Cape Girardeau owns and operates Cape Aviation, the Fixed Base Operator (FBO) at the Cape Girardeau Regional Airport.
- [Cape Air Charter](#) provides flight training and charter service for both business and family travel.
- Flight service station and Flight Control Tower.
- Primary runway is 6,500 feet long and 150 feet wide.
- 215,000 pound capacity and high intensity lighting.
- Crosswind runway is 4,000 feet long and 100 feet wide with medium intensity lighting.
- Field elevation is 342 feet.
- 24-hour facilities for all flight services.

Rail Service

- Two major rail systems serve the greater Cape Girardeau area: [Burlington Northern-Santa Fe Railway \(BNSF\)](#) and [Union Pacific Railroad \(UP\)](#).
- [Semo Port Railroad \(SE\)](#) provides local switch service in addition to interchange with UP and BNSF.
- This gives customers the best in rail service: Competitive access to two major railroads combined with friendly local service.
- At Cape Girardeau, the Semo Port Railroad (SE) connects with BNSF's main line between St. Louis, MO, and Memphis, TN.
- Just east of Scott City, MO, the Semo Port Railroad (SE) connects with UP's main line just west of the Mississippi River.

River Port

The Mississippi River forms the eastern boundary of Cape Girardeau. With a 9 foot channel and a normal 12-month season, water transportation is available year round. Cape Girardeau offers barge building and tow boat docking facilities, and has the only non-government dry dock facilities between St. Louis and Greenville, Mississippi. The area is a major distribution point for petroleum and grain shipments.

- The [Southeast Missouri Regional Port Authority](#) is located 8 miles south of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, at Scott City, Missouri.
- Semo Port is on the Mississippi River, midway between St. Louis, Missouri, and Memphis, Tennessee, at Mile 48 of the Upper Mississippi River.
- The 1,800 foot slackwater harbor is located 48 miles upstream from Cairo, Illinois (Ohio River) and 147 miles downstream from St. Louis (Illinois River and Missouri River).
- Semo Port Railroad, Inc. (SE) is a common carrier switching railroad which serves Semo Port and nearby industries.
- SE connects with the two major western rail systems, Union Pacific Railroad and the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway. The SE is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Semo Port.
- Semo Port has ready access to all five modes of transportation: river, rail, highway, pipeline, and air.
- Texas Eastern pipelines for petroleum products and natural gas are one mile away.
- The regional airport is four miles by direct highway.
- Land is available for lease to port-related industries, terminals, and distribution facilities.
- Team tracks are available for rail-truck transfer of cargo.
- Several companies operate terminals and provide cargo transfer between barge, rail, and truck.
- 1,800 foot long slackwater harbor, 250 feet wide, and holding a minimum depth of 12 feet.
- Harbor maintenance is provided by the Army Corps of Engineers.
- Offers slackwater harbor, public terminals, interstate highway access, switching railroad for UP and BNSF railroads, industrial sites, complete utilities and much more.

Distance to Major Metropolitan Cities from Cape Girardeau, Missouri

City	Road Miles	Days by Motor Freight	Days by Railroad
Atlanta	461	Overnight	3
Boston	1,197	2	5
Chicago	414	Overnight	2
Cleveland	585	Overnight	4
Dallas	605	1	2
Denver	960	2	3
Detroit	574	2	3
Indianapolis	293	Overnight	2
Kansas City	356	Overnight	2
Los Angeles	1,915	3	5
Memphis	165	Overnight	2
Minneapolis	667	1	3

City	Road Miles	Days by Motor Freight	Days by Railroad
New Orleans	556	1	2
New York	1,100	2	5
Seattle	2,174	3	5
St. Louis	110	Overnight	Overnight